

Recreation Committee Meeting
January 13, 2009

Joint Meeting: The Recreation and Towns Lands Committees met at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Melinda Richter, Jane Smith, Chris Coffin and John Loyd

Dave Brooks, Tony Barrett, Don Miskill, Judy Arndt, Rick Meisenbach and Gina Perow

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Giant Stairs Project: Brief recap of the project and recognition to Chris Coffin for overseeing the workforce and bringing the project to a successful conclusion.

Devil's Back Trail Project: The Recreation Committee will take the lead. Don Miskill will be the Project Coordinator. The committees discussed the terrain, destinations project objectives and a rough timeline. They then reviewed a letter to the Select Board giving a brief overview of the project and asking permission to begin work when the weather permits. SB meets on January 22.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of 12/09/08 were approved as amended.

New Business:

- **Recreation Meeting Format** - Gina asked the committee if they wanted to use a different format for the meetings. The committee felt the current format was satisfactory at this time
- **2009 Recreation Budget** - Level funding request from 2008. If it is necessary to trim the budget, the committee discussed areas where the reductions could be taken and the impact to programs.
- **Annual Town Report Write-up** - has been submitted.
- **Harpswell Islands School Swim Program** - with declining school enrollment, the program funding is insufficient to cover the cost of busing and the pool, and the number of volunteers to help teach the children is dwindling. Gina has a short press release for posting and submission to the Harpswell Anchor soliciting volunteers and funding support. We do not want to lose this program!!!!
- **Long Reach Trail Incident** - a dog was killed when it inadvertently actuated an animal trap that was attached to a tree along the trail. The trail is on HHLT property.
- **Volunteer Recognition Awards** - Gina thanked everyone for coming to the SB meeting for the awards to Chuck Alexander, Keith Richardson and David Matero. Linda & Phyllis Blanton will be recognized at the January 22 Select Board meeting.
- **Committee Membership** - George Every does want to continue on the committee.
- **Mitchell Field Update** - Don updated on latest projects and committee plans for this summer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill